

**Introduced by Senator Denham**

January 5, 2009

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to kidney cancer.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 7, as introduced, Denham. Kidney Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2009 as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that, each  
2 year, more than 54,390 people in the United States are diagnosed  
3 with kidney cancer; and  
4 WHEREAS, Of those diagnosed with kidney cancer, 33,130  
5 are men, and 21,260 are women; and  
6 WHEREAS, More than 100,000 survivors of kidney cancer now  
7 live in the United States; and  
8 WHEREAS, Kidney cancer is among the 10 most common  
9 cancers in both men and women; and  
10 WHEREAS, The exact cause of kidney cancer is unknown; and  
11 WHEREAS, Kidney cancer has few symptoms and is usually  
12 undiagnosed or misdiagnosed until later stages or until it has spread  
13 to other areas of the body and becomes harder to treat; and  
14 WHEREAS, Other than surgery, the most commonly used  
15 treatments for kidney cancer are immunotherapy, radiation, and  
16 chemotherapy; and  
17 WHEREAS, Breakthroughs in research over the last year have  
18 given renewed hope to patients who previously had few treatment  
19 options; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaim the month of  
3     March 2009 as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month; and be it further  
4     *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
5     this resolution to the National Kidney Association and to the author  
6     for appropriate distribution.